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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NEW PENSION SCHEME TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is going to introduce a new pension scheme for the railway employees;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government have obtained the views of railway workers in this respect; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Railways would introduce a new Pension Scheme for railway employees if a final decision is taken by the Government of India to introduce a new Pension Scheme for all Central Government employees.Since the existing Railway Pension Scheme is based on the existing Central Government Pension Scheme, any new scheme for Railway employees would also be based on the new Pension Scheme decided upon by the Central Government for all Government employees.

(b) to (d): The Railway employees are governed by the Pension Scheme formulated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners` Welfare (DOP&PW), the nodal department of the Government of India on pension policy matters under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The features of the new Pension Scheme and the date from which the scheme will become effective are not known to the Ministry of Railways as a decision in this respect is yet to be taken by the DOP&PWAs the decision of the DOP&PW on pensionary matters in respect of all Central Government employees is required to be applied mutatis mutandis to the railway employees, separate consultation with the railway employees is not necessary.